

## **Radiology Visit During COVID-19 Patient Authorization and Consent Form**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, there may be a health risk for patients who visit a radiology free-standing center or provider. Health problems can happen from being exposed to:

- other patients,
- healthcare staff, or
- healthcare facilities.

Some patients have a higher risk of problems if they get COVID-19. These include people:

- with asthma,
- with chronic lung disease,
- with serious heart disease or heart problems,
- with chronic kidney disease,
- with extreme obesity,
- with a compromised or suppressed immune system,
- with liver disease,
- who are pregnant,
- who are age 65 or older, or
- who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

If these high-risk patients get COVID-19, they may need to be in the hospital. They could even die.

### **Other Testing and Treatment Choices**

There may be other ways to meet with your doctor and be treated. You could have:

- a phone evaluation or
- a telehealth evaluation.

These other options may or may not be right for you. This depends on your health problem and overall health. If a remote appointment is not appropriate, your doctor will explain why you need an in-person visit.

### **More Facts**

Radiology staff may help when you arrive and while you have your exam. They will follow state laws and recommendations from local, state, and national health officials about caring for patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, they cannot eliminate all risks, especially for high-risk patients.

Radiology free-standing centers and providers treat a large number of patients and perform many types of radiology exams, such as:

- **Breast imaging:** These studies were not considered essential during COVID-19. Your test may have been delayed due to local, state, or federal guidelines. If your breast image shows an area of concern, you will be referred to a local provider for treatment.
- **Chest imaging:** Chest x-rays or chest computed tomography (CT) scans are not tests for COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) believes that viral testing is the only way to confirm if a patient has COVID. Chest imaging results may overlap with other problems such as the flu.
- **MR (magnetic resonance) imaging:** All masks in the MR suite are free of wires. If you come to the testing center with a mask that has wire in it, the metal will be removed from the mask. The mask will be held in place with tape or some other method.

**Consent to Treatment**

\_\_\_\_\_ This consent form told you about COVID-related risks. If, after reviewing this form, you do not believe that you really understand the risks and choices, **do not sign the form until all questions have been answered.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand the facts provided to me on this consent form. I give my consent for a radiology exam. By signing below, I agree that staff/doctor has discussed the facts in this form with me, that no one has given me any guarantee, that I have had a chance to ask questions, and that all of my questions have been answered.

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Signature of Patient or Responsible Party

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Date and Time

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Relationship to Patient (if Responsible Party is not Patient)

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Witness

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Date and Time